

THE INFAMOUS SCHEME HATCHED.

By The National Bankers Association At Atlanta.

The Bankers' Association held a national meeting in Atlanta last week. It will be noticed that this meeting was held just before the opening of the next session of Congress. They have been perfecting their plans and methods of controlling the next session of Congress. They are now ready for the next step in the brazen scheme of greed and oppression. These banking agents of the gold trust, whose business it is to make as much money as they can by loans, discounts, and by issuing notes, have hit on what they consider an infallible remedy for the financial ills the country is suffering from.

We know how the Cleveland administration has loaned \$100,000,000 bonds to purchase gold, which is no sooner in the Treasury vaults than it slips away again. It will be remembered that in 1893 the White House financier, with the confidence born of ignorance, declared that the yellow metal left the Treasury because the government continued purchasing silver. An extra session of Congress was called and a law passed putting a stop to silver purchasing.

Cleveland had his way, and the country waited to see whether his prediction would be verified. Also for his reputation as a financial prophet. The outflow of gold instead of coming, or even decreasing, increased after the repeal of the Sherman Law.

The repeal of the silver purchasing law having failed to keep gold in the Treasury, the next step was to call in Morgan, Rothschild & Co., and permit them to dictate nervous terms for furnishing gold, which is again leaked out of the Treasury. The upshot of this sort of financing is that the public debt has been increased, and the banker friends of the administration have gathered in the way of profits \$10,000,000.

Now this Bankers' Association at Atlanta comes forward with another remedy (?) which is another step in the plot of the gold conspiracy to enslave America. It is to pass a law to call in the greenbacks and notes of the government, amounting in round numbers to \$500,000,000, and to issue in their stead \$500,000,000 of 3 per cent. bonds to serve as a basis for a bank currency, the profits on the circulation of which would go into the pockets of a few thousand bankers.

In other words, the annual interest charge is to be increased \$15,000,000, in order that the bankers may obtain the monopoly of supplying the people with currency, which is absolutely necessary for the transaction of business of all kinds. To put it another way the people will have to pay every year \$15,000,000 for notes that now cost them nothing. And worse than that, to give the bankers full power to contract or expand the circulation at their pleasure.

At such a cost the sovereign prerogative of issuing money, which no government should part with, will be handed over to a few thousand banking corporations, which will thenceforth be in a position to control the volume of currency to their advantage. Such is the scheme the bankers have hatched. It is said to have the hearty approval of Grover Cleveland, who is expected to help it on by recommending to Congress that it legislate the greenbacks out of existence.

The Bankers' Association at Atlanta has sounded the keynote for a further attack on the people's money, and we fear that its echo, heard in the Halls of Congress, will frighten the people's representatives into giving their consent to a scheme of financing which will place the country still further at the mercy of the money lenders, who hate the greenback, because it stands between them and usurious profits.

Oh, for another Andrew Jackson in the White House to fight this hide-headed monster—this destroyer of a nation's property and liberty!

The people must elect an honest man and patriot for President or this republic is doomed.—Caucasian.

A gentleman who has resided in the south for some years, states that the party slavery among democrats down there bids fair to do great injury to the silver cause. The almost universal demand of the people is for free silver, but when it comes to the question of letting loose of the democratic party tail or giving up silver there are many men will abandon silver. They worship at the party shrine with as much devotion as the Moslems worshipped their idols, and they seem to be willing to allow all the blood drawn from them rather than shake the good old democratic party.—Indianapolis (Ind.) Nonconformist.

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GIRLS IN THE ORIENT.

Account of a Visit to Their Class-Rooms in Constantinople.

Little Turkish Lassies Are Neat, Even if They Are a Bit Stupid.—They Do Not Know Much of America.—Manners and Customs.

Quite as interesting as the Turkish harems were three Turkish girls' schools which I saw in Constantinople, thanks to the efforts of the same girl interpreter with whom I visited the former, says a writer in the New York Post.

The first school, the largest Turkish one for girls in the city, is a shabby building in the heart of Stambul. Albeit my guide had come provided with a permit in order to facilitate matters, the Turk who guarded the entrance let us in only after long deliberation and remonstrance, and on our way up the rickety stairs we were stopped by various teachers, who likewise asked the object of our appearance and looked at our permit. These examinations satisfactorily passed, we were welcomed with great warmth and shown every consideration. The lady principal of the school being ill, we were taken charge of by the head teacher, the daughter of a pasha, who unfortunately spoke only her mother tongue. She had a delicate, most intelligent countenance and answered all my questions rapidly, except those in regard to the school curriculum. It would take from three to four days, so she said, to give me the desired information, which would have to be written out.

Escorted by a body guard of interested teachers, we made the round of the classrooms. The first floor is given up chiefly to the primary department, which comprises four-fifths of the girls. The whole building is of a most primitive kind, yet the rooms were far better lighted than is often the case with schools in more civilized countries. The pupils, varying in age from five to thirteen years, all looked uncommonly clean and neat, and, although they belonged exclusively to the poorer class, I failed to detect a torn or frayed garment among the whole number. They were, however, noticeable for dullness of expression. Some wore very gay, others equally dark colors, and all were engaged in studying primers or writing on slates. Common benches far outnumbered the desks. In one room a middle-aged Turk in European costume, with a fez, was giving a lecture on physics to quite a large class of pupils whose ages averaged fourteen years. These girls, like the teachers, wore full national costumes of every color—that is, a feridje or cloak, and a piece of cloth or muslin, which covered the head and shoulders. None was veiled. One of the scholars was catechised for my edification and illustrated what she said by drawing a circle around a cross on the blackboard. What this signified I could not make out, nor could the interpreter obtain a satisfactory explanation.

On the second floor, where the advanced pupils were, we were taken into an elegantly furnished room in which sat a Turk in Turkish costume, and a young woman, the man principal and a candidate for a teacher's place, whom he was coaching for her coming examinations. In another room we saw the embroideries made by the pupils, most of whom were attending classes in the other rooms. One was a class in geography, which I was asked to question. They could tell me the European capitals and knew something of Asia and Africa; but although they had been studying geography for several years, all they could tell me of America was that it was neither very warm nor very cold there. The study of America and Australia will be included in the next two years' course. The girls varied in color from Circassian white to ebony black, for no color prejudice exists. All the scholars bring a lunch with them, which they eat at tables on the ground floor. Recreation hours are spent indoors, notwithstanding that there is a nice garden.

Hidden in a Doll House.

A little girl in Wisconsin, who gives every evidence of being a good housekeeper, decided to do her fall cleaning. So all her furniture in the doll house was moved out, and she took up the carpets. Among the papers that covered the floor under the carpet the little girl found a draft for one thousand dollars, drawn forty-four years ago. The

draft was old, but it was still worth the money for which it was drawn.

Beginning Practice Early.

The ex-football player found un- easily in his sleep. "Gracious! that was a beautiful rush," he muttered.

His infant son had kicked him up to the five-yard line and was trying hard to push him over the side of the bed for a touchdown. —Chicago Times-Herald.

THE LEAGUE OF VIRTUE.

Origin of a Society That Flourished Early in the Century.

The League of Virtue was one of those political organizations which sometimes spring up in countries, the inhabitants of which are restless under foreign domination. It was an association of German students formed in 1813, after the disastrous campaign of Napoleon in Russia had practically broken his power in the center of Europe. Having learned that he was not invincible, discontent in Germany under the rule of the French manifested itself in many ways, among which was one. The organization, which had branches in every college and university town in Germany, had for its object the total expulsion of the French from every part of the German territory, and its members bound themselves by oath never to rest, never to cease conspiring or to desist from public or private agitation as long as a French soldier remained on German soil. Though mainly composed of university students, its membership comprised persons of every class. It was joined by professors, ministers, merchants, artisans, peasants and others, and its principles were an embodiment of the undying hatred of Germans for France and Napoleon.

Queer Misunderstandings.

The conversation one Saturday night in the shop turned upon the misunderstandings caused between customer and clerk by a similarity of sounds. It was told of the tool man that in response to an inquiry for yard sticks, he brought the customer carpet tacks. A more excusable case occurred with the shipping clerk, who came to one of the regular clerks to find out what "kill oil" was, and where he would find the best kind. Upon interrogating the customer, who was an Irishman, he said: "It's best kill oil I'm wantin'," which was his way of pronouncing bicycle oil.—Hardware.

How Camels Travel.

We hear often of the patience of the camel, of its wonderful endurance. A camel travels at the rate of about four miles an hour. It can be made to go seven, but it can keep this pace for only four hours. If urged beyond that, the Arabian says, they "break their hearts," for a camel over-driven lies down and dies.

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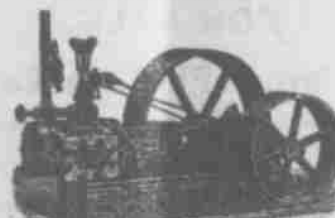
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